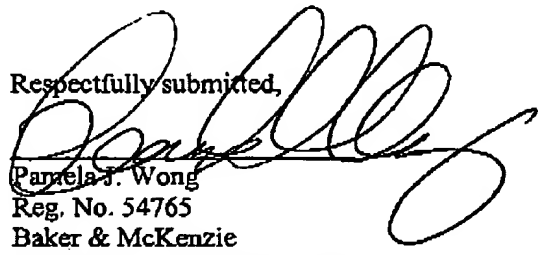


REMARKS:

Claims 1 and 3 are allowed. Claims 2 and 4-9 were previously canceled. Applicants have amended the application to cancel the rejected Claims 10 and 11. The status of the claims are as recited above. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation or continuation-in-part application directed toward any withdrawn or canceled subject matter at a later date. This amendment places the present application in condition for issuance. Applicants do not believe any fees are due with the present amendment; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in this application to Deposit Account 13-0480, Attorney Docket Number 32144183.9RCE.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

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